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**MAIN LIBRARY
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Newton, NC 28658**

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Budget RX: free help at the library

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NEWTON— If holiday spending has severely pinched your wallet, a free budget checkup may help.

Catawba County Library System is hosting a series of drop-in personal finance services this month with Jim Escuder, economic support outreach coordinator at the Catawba County Department of Social Services.

Escuder will be on hand at the St. Stephens Branch Library each Tuesday in December from 2-4 p.m. to discuss options with unemployed, under employed and anyone else having money problems and aren't sure what services are available to them. The consultations are free as a service to help area residents better cope with tough economic times.

Escuder will offer a free workshop, Money Smarts, at the Main Library at 115 West C Street in Newton at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

For more information about the workshops or consultations, contact Donna Fox, library services specialist, at 256-3030 or Jim Escuder at 695-2209..



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